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SOLICITOR GENERAL TO VISIT THE LAW SCHOOL

Seth P. Waxman, the Solicitor General of the United States, will be at the Law School to present his lecture, "Twins at Birth: Civil Rights and the Role of the Solicitor General" on Feb. 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Seth Waxman is the 41st Solicitor General of the United States. He was nominated by President Clinton on Sept. 19, 1997, and confirmed by the United States Senate on Nov. 9, 1997. The Solicitor General represents the United States in the Supreme Court.

He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1973 and was a Rockefeller Fellow in Kenya the following year. In 1977 Mr. Waxman received his law degree from Yale Law School, where he served as managing editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following graduation, Mr. Waxman served as a law clerk to the late Gerhard A. Gesell, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Thereafter, he entered private practice with the law firm of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, where he specialized in complex criminal, civil and appellate litigation.

Mr. Waxman has received substantial recognition for his pro bono work, including the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico award and the Anti-Defamation League's Benjamin J. Cardozo Certificate of Merit. He joined the Department of Justice in May 1994. Prior to being appointed Solicitor General, he served in a number of other positions in the Department of Justice, including Acting Solicitor General, Acting Deputy Attorney General, Principal Deputy Solicitor General and Associate Deputy Attorney General.

This lecture has been made possible through the generosity of the Indiana Supreme Court which, from time to time, supports lectures by distinguished speakers at law schools in Indiana. We are honored to host this visit by the Solicitor General and hope students and faculty will take this opportunity to hear from one of the nation's highest appointed officials.

PROFESSOR DWORKIN WILL GIVE LUCAS LECTURE

Professor Roger Dworkin will lecture, "Getting What We Should from Doctors: Rethinking Patient Autonomy and the Doctor-Patient Relationship," on Feb. 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. This lecture celebrates his appointment to the Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law.

NEW SEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDGE APPOINTED

Ann Claire Williams, who served on the federal District Court in Chicago for almost 15 years, last week became the first African-American to sit on the Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. IU Law graduate Quadiru Kent will be her law clerk. Judge Williams fills a vacancy created by the death of Judge Walter Cummings.

Williams was appointed to the District Court by President Ronald Reagan, after work with the U.S. Attorneys Office, and to the Court of Appeals by President Clinton. The Chicago Tribune reported that Williams praised her parents at her induction ceremony for teaching "perseverance and faith." The Tribune noted, "Despite a degree in psychology, her father was forced to drive a bus for 20 years because of racism in the 1940's in Detroit, and her mother was also stymied in her teaching career. Both eventually fulfilled their dreams."

Quadiru Kent graduated in 1995. He clerked for two years with a federal district judge in Michigan, and then with the Michigan Supreme Court before joining a law firm in Michigan.

PATTEN LECTURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS FEB. 8 AND 10

Lynn Hunt, the Eugen Weber Professor of Modern European History at UCLA, will deliver two lectures on human rights through the University Patten Lecture series. On Feb. 8, her lecture, "Tracing the Origins of Human Rights," will be at Swain West 119, 7:30 p.m. On Feb. 10, the second lecture, "Women, The Novel, and Human Rights," will be at Chemistry 033 at 7:30 p.m. Professor Hunt is widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading experts on the French Revolution, and one of her discipline's most innovative and influential practitioners of the new cultural history. The Patten Lecture series brings highly distinguished scholars in many fields to deliver public lectures on campus.

ACADEMY OF LAW ALUMNI FELLOWS PROFILE

Who are those people whose photographs are on the first-floor wall? In this series of profiles, we introduce you to the members of the Academy of the Law Alumni Fellows. The Fellows are the recipients of the highest honor the Law School bestows on its alums. We hope that each profile will help you reflect on the successes of our alumni as well as some possibilities that are ahead for you.

ALECIA DECOUDREUX

Alecia A. DeCoudreaux believes it is important for young women to understand and evaluate their individual strengths, weaknesses, and interests as they decide what to do in life. "Know thyself, and always be true to who and what you are," advises DeCoudreaux. She has heeded her own advice.

A native of Chicago, DeCoudreaux received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College in 1976 and her law degree from IU Bloomington in 1978. After working with the San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury Madison & Sutro, DeCoudreaux joined Eli Lilly and Co. where she is now vice president of law.

Her 18 years with Lilly have taken DeCoudreaux from Indiana back to California and to Washington, D.C., before she returned to Indiana in 1994. She has held positions in Lilly's law division as an attorney with the corporate, pharmaceutical and human resources areas. She has also served as General Counsel of one of Lilly's former subsidiary companies. Outside the law division, DeCoudreaux has been the director of community relations, director of state government and community relations, director of government relations in Washington, D.C., executive director of medical research administration, and executive director of research planning and scientific administration.

Her current position was created in May 1997 as part of a realignment of the Lilly law division to link it more closely with the company's value chain and its future business direction. "Alecia's solid legal background and her experience with Lilly make her particularly well suited for this new direction," said Rebecca O. Goss, senior vice president and general counsel for Lilly. As vice president of law, DeCoudreaux is primarily responsible for providing direction and management for the patent, commercial and technology acquisition, and regulatory attorneys.

Her leadership extends to the Indianapolis community, where she serves as director of Bank One, Indiana, Indianapolis Life Insurance Co., Indy Festivals Inc., and Indianapolis Downtown Inc. She was appointed to the five-member board of trustees at Citizens Gas & Coke Utility. In addition, DeCoudreaux is a member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers of Greater Indianapolis.

In 1997, Girls Inc. of Indianapolis gave DeCoudreaux its Touchstone Award for "genuineness of commitment, determination, and achievement that inspires young women." The organization could not have found a recipient who better exemplified these characteristics. "I feel it is important for women to constantly reach out and mentor other women," DeCoudreaux says. "While women have made a lot of progress in society, we are still not at a point where there is true gender equality. We should be mindful of this and help other women when we have the chance."

True to her word, DeCoudreaux has been one of the driving forces behind the successful launching of the Women's Fund of Central Indiana, an organization that raises funds for programs to assist women and girls; she currently serves as a member of the group's advisory board. She has also been a member of the steering committee for the Women's Leadership Initiative, a member and chair of the Forum on Women and Philanthropy, and chair of the Women's Division of the United Way of Central Indiana. The Indiana State Bar honored DeCoudreaux with a Women in the Law Achievement Award for her contributions to the legal profession as a whole as well as to women in the profession.

Indiana University has been the recipient of DeCoudreaux's commitment to education. In addition to serving as a member of the Indiana University President's Council, she is also a

member of the Law School's board of visitors, as well as the nucleus committee of the Law School's capital campaign. She was named to the IU Foundation board of directors. She has also served as a director of the Wellesley College Alumnae Association.

One of her supporters has noted: "time and again, Alecia has demonstrated leadership and excellence in her professional life and in public service."

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Professor Fred Cate was appointed to the Federal Trade Commission's new Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security. The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission regarding the costs and benefits, to both consumers and businesses, of implementing the fair information practices of access and security online. His article with Richard Varn, "Information Privacy and Access to Public Records," appears in a special issue of the *Telecommunications & Space Journal*, "Does Privacy Matter in the Information Age?," for which Professor Cate was the invited editor.

NEWS FROM THE RECORDERS OFFICE

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are available with fall grades and spring courses. A few grades are still outstanding; therefore the Dean's Honors and the percentile table for the 2L and 3Ls will not be available until later. Percentile tables and Dean's Honors are not prepared for the first-year class until the end of the first year, that is, in late July.

STATE BAR APPLICATIONS

Indiana state bar applications for the July 19-20, 2000 exam are now available. Mailing deadline for the July bar is April 1, 2000.

NEWS FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BLSA TRIBUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tuesday, February 1st will begin the Black Law School Association's

(BLSA) month-long tribute to those African Americans who have come before us as we celebrate Black History Month with the law school. We have several activities planned, and we strongly encourage all interested students to attend and support our events. The purpose of BLSA's February agenda is to increase the law school's cultural awareness, and we can do this while enhancing all of our educations.

The scheduled events are as follows:

1. Tuesday, Feb. 1 - Check your student mailbox for BLSA's "What

Do You Know?" black trivia contest. The winner will get 2 free tickets to

the Barrister's Ball at the end of the month. Submit your answers to

Connie Davis' (3L) mailbox by Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Wednesday, Feb 9 - View Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech" and a Malcolm X speech in the Moot Court Room at Noon.

3. Friday, Feb. 18 - Listen to Theodore Shaw, Deputy Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, as he discusses Civil Rights in the 21st century. Mr. Shaw is a renowned speaker who has been an advocate of civil rights since his involvement in Civil Rights Movement, and he has also taught at the University of Michigan School of Law. He will speak at Noon in the faculty lounge.

4. Thursday, Feb. 24 - For all of you poetry readers or writers, come and recite or listen to poetry at BLSA's first ever poetry reading. Anyone who writes poetry and wants to be added to the list of readers, please let Kareem Howell (kahowell@indiana.edu) know by Monday, Feb. 21.

5. Saturday, Feb. 26 - Party with us as we celebrate the end of the month at BLSA's annual Barrister's Ball. Remember last year's Ball? Well, forget it because this year's Ball will be even better. The Ball will be held at Terry's Banquet and Catering Facilities from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets are \$22 a person or \$40 a couple and will be on sale soon.

Once again, we hope to see as many of you as possible throughout

the month!

PANEL ON "MUSIC & THE INTERNET: CUTTING EDGE LEGAL ISSUES"

The Sports & Entertainment Law Society and the Law & the Internet course will jointly sponsor a panel discussion on copyright and other legal issues surrounding music and the Internet with Robert Meitus and Marshall Leaffer at 1:15 p.m. in Room 120 on Friday, Feb. 4.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about the Law & the Internet course which has been developing over the past year under student direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAR APPLICATIONS

Students currently filling out their lengthy bar applications should keep in mind that careers are long, and make copies of their applications in the event that they find themselves filling out a similar application a few years from now in another state. Consistency counts in this regard. Think of this copy as something you should keep with, say, your passport, or birth certificate.

EVENTS CALENDAR / ROOM SCHEDULING

To schedule classrooms in the law building, send email to bl-law-events (for Outlook users) or bl-events-law@exchange.indiana.edu (for non-Outlook users). Please include date and time of event, length of time room will be needed, classroom requested and number of people attending

event. Requests should be sent at least one week prior to event and include name of person requesting, organization planning the event and an email address. Confirmations will be sent by reply email.

AUDIO - VIDEO SERVICES

Requests for AV services may be sent to Beth at av@exchange.indiana.edu. Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by email.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 3, U.S. Solicitor General, Moot Court Room, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4, Panel discussion on "Legal Issues Concerning Music & the Internet", Room 120, 1:15 p.m.

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